

Dear Specialist S. D.,

There's nothing you can do about the straps except be careful. The headshed, however, has improved the carrier and tearing should be much less of a problem in the future. The new carriers were put into the supply system late last year, so the next carriers you get should be the improved version.

The original second skin that had the lip was made for the Army only. The new skin is used by all services and doesn't have the lip. But if you install the hood like it shows in Para 3-7 in TM 3-4240-346-10 and stow the mask like it shows in Para 2-16 (M40A1) and 2-17 (M42A2), the hood should stay in place.



